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In his former capacity as deputy director, Contract Pay and Disbursing at DFAS Headquarters, Arlington, Va., Bonta was responsible for contract pay and disbursing policy, systems and operations. Upon his appointment to this position in April 1999, he was inducted into the Senior Executive Service.

In November 1998, Bonta was assigned to the Indianapolis Center as the Director, Accounting Operations, responsible for accounting oversight and analysis, accounting practices and systems, departmental reporting and finance and accounting operations for numerous DoD activities.

Bonta was the first director for the Rome Operating Location, established in 1995. As such, he directed the DoD finance and accounting operations for the DFAS agency and was instrumental in the consolidation of 11 U.S. Army installations and one major command to DFAS Rome.

From 1982-1992, Bonta served in various assignments at Fort

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Bonta, a native of Burlington, Ky., earned his bachelor's degree in Business from Columbus College, Columbus, Ga., in 1981 and in 1989, he earned his master's degree in Business Administration from Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

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